

Minutes  
Parks and Recreation Board  
October 13, 1992

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on October 13, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Department board room, 200 South Lamar. Board Members present: Beverly Griffith, Sterling Lands, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Albert Black, Ron Cartlidge, Eleanor McKinney, and Neil Iscoe. Staff present: Jesus Olivares, Heather Griffith Peterson and Donna Bohls.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Rev. Sterling Lands, Chairperson.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

The following citizens addressed the Board in favor of the traditional, wooden, rowboat concession:

Marie Van Wart, 1010 W. Milton  
Patricia Maxwell, 1708 South 10th St.  
Joe Bruno, 706 Winflo  
Jim Salesha, 127 Springdale  
Brian Pape, 1609 Linscomb Ave.  
Kirk Ulbrucht, 2403 Dip Cove

Ellen Hickman, 1208 K Elm, submitted comments in writing in support of the rowboat concession.

Al St. Louis, 200 Christopher, addressed the Board in support of the continued cleaning of Barton Springs Pool without chemicals. He advocated for the re-introduction of plant life into the pool such as reeds.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Selection of Parks Board Representative to the Revised Downtown Commission**

Reverend Sterling Lands was selected as the new representative to the Downtown Commission.

**Review 1991-92 Goals and Begin Draft 1992-93 Goals**

Board Members began the review process for each goal submitted for the 1991-92 year. Both the Programs Committee and the Navigation Committee requested this item be continued to the October 27 meeting to allow these committees time to meet.

**Make Recommendation to Council Regarding Awarding of a Wooden Rowboat Concession**

Neil Iscoe moved and Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded a motion to recommend

to Council awarding a concession contract to Mr. John Gallagher for a traditional wooden rowboat concession on Town Lake in Zilker Park. The motion passed 6-0.

**Make Recommendation to Council Regarding Awarding of Barton Springs Food and Drink Concession**

**Make Recommendation to Council Regarding Awarding of Butler Pitch and Putt Concession**

Neil Iscoe moved and Eleanor McKinney seconded a motion to recommend to Council the following resolution:

Whereas, the Barton Springs Food and Drink and Butler Pitch and Putt concessions have been operating since 1987 without a current contract; and

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Board has no problems on record concerning the current operation of these concessions; and

Whereas, the Annual Report on Concessions will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board on October 27 for a 30 day review period; and

Whereas, awarding these contracts at this time is not in the best interest of the City of Austin; and

Be It Resolved, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the City Council not award these concession contracts until the Parks Board brings to Council a proposed Concession Policy.

The Parks and Recreation Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed concession policy on November 17, make their final recommendations at their regular meeting of November 24 and bring the concession policy recommendation to the City Council on December 3.

The motion passed 4-2 with one member abstaining.

**Revise Parks and Recreation Board Bylaws to Correct Rotation of Terms and Revise Number of Regular Monthly Meetings**

The bylaw revisions were tabled to the ByLaws Committee on a 7-0 vote. A recommendation from the Committee is expected at the November 10 meeting.

**Approve Minutes of the 9/22/92 Regular Meeting**

Ron Cartlidge moved and Albert Black seconded a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed 5-0.

**Review Proposed Operating Procedures**

The proposed operating procedures were discussed but no action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 9:15 p.m.